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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

Meeting Date: June 16, 2005  
Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington  
St., 404  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 1

**Members Present:** Sen. Robert Garton, Chairman; Rep. Brian Bosma, Vice-Chairman; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Richard D. Young; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. David Long; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Kathy Richardson; Rep. B. Patrick Bauer; Rep. William Friend; Rep. Tim Brown; Rep. Russell Stilwell.

**Members Absent:** Sen. Earline Rogers; Rep. Eric Turner.

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I. Introduction and welcome of Legislative Council members

Senator Robert Garton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. The Chairman and Representative Brian Bosma, Vice Chairman, welcomed the members of the Council. Representative Eric Turner and Senator Earline Rogers were excused from attendance.

II. Consideration of leadership recommendations for the creation of interim study committees and assignment of study topics to statutory commissions.

The first order of business was the consideration of the proposed Legislative Council Resolution (LCR) 05-01 concerning the creation of ad hoc study committees and assignment of topics to statutory commissions. The Chairman introduced Mr. Philip Sachtleben, Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency, to explain and describe each committee proposed under LCR 05-01.

Mr. Sachtleben first discussed the following interim study committees:

- Interim Study Committee on Public Security and Regulatory Matters
- Interim Study Committee on Fire Safety Issues
- Interim Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Issues

Representative B. Patrick Bauer asked if it would be possible to remove the word "management" from the third charge to the Interim Study Committee on Motor Vehicles. This change would leave the charge reading "staff hiring patterns and other BMV personnel issues" instead of "staff hiring patterns and other BMV personnel management issues." The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Mr. Sachtleben then proceeded to the charges to the following statutory committees:

- Census Data Advisory Committee
- Child Custody and Support Advisory Committee
- Criminal Law Study Commission
- Education Roundtable
- Environmental Quality Service Council
- FSSA Evaluation Committee
- Gaming Research Department
- Health Finance Commission
- Local Government Efficiency and Financing Study Commission
- Natural Resources Study Committee
- Northwest IN Transportation Study Commission
- Pension Management Oversight Commission
- Probate Code Study Commission
- Sentencing Policy Study Committee
- State Tax and Financing Policy Commission
- Tourism Council

Senator Richard Young suggested that the topic of childhood obesity, which had been assigned to the Health Finance Commission, be broadened to study obesity at all age levels.

Senator Patricia Miller proposed that the topic be amended in order to charge the commission with studying problems surrounding "childhood and adult obesity."

The amendment was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator David Long proposed that the Local Government Efficiency and Financing Study Commission be assigned the topic of studying the consolidation of local government units. Representatives Kathy Richardson and Dale Grubb questioned Senator Long on this proposal. The Chairman then decided not to vote on this proposal until a subsequent meeting.

[Note: After the meeting, staff provided Senator Long with information concerning the existing charges to the Local Government Efficiency and Financing Study Commission, and Senator Long agreed that the topic he was proposing to be added is already a statutory study topic of the Local Government Efficiency and Financing Study Commission.]

Representative Tim Brown asked why the issue of living wills was under the Probate Code Study Commission when it could be considered a medical issue. The Chairman responded by stating that the issue itself did not justify the creation of a separate interim study committee. Mr. Sachtleben responded by stating that in Senate Resolution 62, Senator Timothy Lanane requested that the topic of living wills be assigned to the Probate Code Study Commission.

Senator Long asked that the Sentencing Policy Study Committee be assigned the topic of reviewing the criminal code for consistency in sentencing policies. Mr. Sachtleben responded by stating that this topic is one of the original charges already assigned to that committee. Senator Long then withdrew his suggestion.

LCR 05-01 as amended, was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

### III. Proposed LCR 05-02 concerning the operational rules and funding for interim committees.

Next, Mr. Sachtleben explained two proposed amendments with respect to the resolution. First, the Legislative Council leadership recommended that the funding for each study committee be raised by \$1,500. Second, the proposal removes last year's "three meeting" restriction on study committees.

The Chairman noted that the increase in committee funding by \$1,500 each would be off-set by the fact that there were fewer ad hoc interim committees being formed this year.

LCR 05-02 as amended, was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

IV. Proposed LCR 05-03 concerning the 2005 interim activities of the Council's Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy (LEOPS) subcommittee.

Mr. Sachtleben reviewed and explained LCR 05-03. Mr. Sachtleben directed the Council's attention to SECTION 5 of LCR 05-03 concerning a review of the extent to which agencies are complying with the reporting requirements of IC 5-14-6-4 and other statutes.

Representative Bosma asked if the study of LCR 05-03, SECTION 5 would involve compiling a list of agencies that were to be adhering to the reporting requirements of IC 5-14-6-4. Mr. Sachtleben said that this would be one component of the study.

LCR 05-03 was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

V. Announcement of Legislative Council subcommittees and chairs

The Chairman announced the membership and chairmanship of the following Legislative Council subcommittees:

(1). The Legislative Council Data Processing Subcommittee

- Representative Richardson
- Representative Stilwell
- Senator Wyss, Chair
- Senator Lewis

(2). The Legislative Council Evaluation and Oversight Policy Subcommittee (LEOPS)

- Representative Grubb
- Representative T. Brown
- Senator Miller, Chair
- Senator R. Young

(3). The Legislative Council Personnel Subcommittee

- Representative Bauer
- Representative Bosma
- Senator Garton, Chair
- Senator R. Young

(4). The Legislative Council Space Utilization Subcommittee

- Representative Grubb
- Representative Richardson
- Senator Rogers
- Senator Long, Chair

VI. Consideration of LCR 05-04 concerning the payment of annual dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the Council of State Governments (CSG), and the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL).

Mr. Sachtleben reviewed and explained LCR 05-04.

LCR 05-04 was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

VII. Five year report on LSA's in-house printing program.

Mr. Sachtleben explained the three goals of the program:

- (1) To maintain or improve on the quality of the products;
- (2) to maintain or improve on the quality of the products without asking the House and Senate to change their proceedings; and
- (3) to have significant savings.

Mr. Sachtleben then proceeded to explain how the goals had been met. First, the error rate of the products had been reduced to one-sixth of what it had been when going through an outside source, and the appearance of the product was as good as it had been in the past. Second, the error rate was reduced and the appearance was maintained without asking the House or Senate to change any of their procedures. Third, the in-house printing program has permitted a two-thirds reduction in printing appropriations.

Senator Tom Wyss stated that he was proud that a state agency could save a large amount of taxpayer money.

VIII. Other Business

First, Senator Wyss discussed various State House security issues such as identification cards, parking changes, and more security for entrances to the building.

Representative Kathy Richardson asked if the intent of the identification cards was also to use the cards to get into offices. Senator Wyss said that this is a long-term goal. Senator Wyss also stated that press and visitors would need identification cards in the future.

The Vice Chairman asked if the Counterterrorism and Security Council was the council making these decisions. Senator Wyss stated that these decisions are actually under the control of the Department of Homeland Security.

Representative Bill Friend asked how the public would be affected by these changes. Senator Wyss stated that he does not know the specifics yet.

The Chairman noted that a number of groups rally at the State House, and he would not want to prevent anyone from exercising that right. Senator Wyss stressed that these measures are being taken with full knowledge of the public's right to be in the State House.

IX.    Next Meeting

The Chairman scheduled a second meeting for July 6, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in State House Room 404.

X.    Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.